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Lake County Schools Achieves One of Its Highest Graduation Rates on Record; Ranks Among Florida's Top Districts

January 2026 – Lake County, Florida — Lake County Schools proudly announces a **2024–25 graduation rate of 94.4%**, one of the district's highest levels in two decades and a continuation of a strong upward trend. The Florida Department of Education released the latest statewide graduation results this week, and Lake County stands out as a top-performing district—both regionally and statewide. [https://ou...essageItem | Outlook]

Lake County's Graduation Rate Continues to Climb

The past five years show a clear pattern of sustained improvement:

- **2020–21:** 90.6%
- **2021–22:** 88.6%
- **2022–23:** 89.8%
- **2023–24:** 91.7%
- **2024–25: 94.4%**

This represents a **3.8-percentage-point increase** since 2020–21 and marks another year of significant growth. [https://ou...essageItem | Outlook]

Lake County Outperforms Central Florida Peers

Lake County's 94.4% places the district:

- **+1.7 points higher than Orange County Public Schools** (92.7%)
- **+3.3 points higher than Osceola County Schools** (91.1%)
- **Tied with Seminole County Public Schools** (94.4%)
- Within **1.0–1.2 points** of high-performing neighbors **Volusia (95.6%)** and **Sumter (95.4%)**

Overall, Lake County ranks approximately **13th statewide** among the 67 county districts when using competition ranking methodology. [https://ou...essageItem | Outlook]

District Leaders Celebrate Student Success

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“Lake County’s graduates continue to demonstrate remarkable commitment, resilience, and determination,” district leadership said. “This year’s graduation rate reflects the dedication of our teachers, principals, staff, families, and community partners. Together, we are ensuring every student leaves our schools prepared for college, career, and life.”

Full Ranked Table: Florida County District Graduation Rates (2024–25)

Competition ranking; ties share rank. Source: FDOE 2024–25 Graduation Rate Report. [https://ou...essageItem | Outlook]

Rank	District	Grad Rate
1	Wakulla	97.6%
2	Walton	97.5%
3	St. Johns	97.1%
4	Pasco	96.9%
5	Putnam	96.6%
6	Lafayette	96.5%
7	Levy	96.4%
8	Indian River	96.0%
9	Volusia	95.6%
10	Sumter	95.4%
11	Clay	95.0%
12	St. Lucie	94.5%
13	**Lake**	**94.4%**
13	Collier	94.4%
13	Seminole	94.4%
16	Duval	94.3%
16	Sarasota	94.3%

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18	Citrus	94.1%
19	Bay	93.8%
20	Martin	93.7%
21	Calhoun	93.5%
21	Hernando	93.5%
21	Palm Beach	93.5%
24	Pinellas	93.4%
25	Miami-Dade	93.1%
25	Santa Rosa	93.1%
27	Brevard	92.7%
27	Jefferson	92.7%
27	Orange	92.7%
30	Holmes	92.3%
30	Nassau	92.3%
32	Dixie	92.2%
33	Monroe	91.9%
34	Charlotte	91.6%
35	Broward	91.4%
36	Washington	91.2%
37	Osceola	91.1%
38	Okaloosa	91.0%
39	Hamilton	90.9%
39	Hillsborough	90.9%
41	Columbia	90.7%

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42	Suwannee	90.0%
43	Glades	89.9%
44	Lee	89.8%
45	Escambia	89.5%
45	Flagler	89.5%
47	Jackson	89.4%
48	Gulf	89.3%
49	Leon	87.9%
50	Alachua	87.7%
50	Gilchrist	87.7%
50	Polk	87.7%
53	Manatee	87.6%
54	Bradford	87.2%
54	Franklin	87.2%
56	Highlands	87.0%
57	Madison	86.7%
58	Liberty	85.9%
59	Hardee	85.6%
60	Marion	84.7%
60	Union	84.7%
62	Okeechobee	83.7%
63	Baker	83.5%
64	Hendry	82.0%
65	Gadsden	80.9%

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65	Taylor	80.9%
67	DeSoto	77.8%

Commitment to Continuous Growth

Lake County Schools attributes its progress to strong early-warning systems, targeted graduation-tracking supports, expanded career and technical pathways, and a continued focus on student engagement and family partnerships. The district remains committed to ensuring every student has access to high-quality instruction and the supports necessary for on-time graduation.

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